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MINUTES

December 2, 2008
500 West Temple Street
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Hearing Room 374-A
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2008

On Motion of Commissioner Patricia Gray, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, the November 4, 2008 minutes were approved as presented with the abstention of Commissioner Waite who did not attend the meeting.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following vacancies were reported:

- First Supervisorial District – Commissioner Wilhelm indicated that he will contact the First District for a recommendation.
- Third Supervisorial District – Chairperson Kelley reported that a candidate has been selected and the appointment is in progress.
- Mayor, City of Los Angeles – Commissioner Burman reported that he spoke to Rebecca Kramer who indicated that she will work on the appointment. Ms. Kramer suggested following up with her in January of 2009.
- President, Los Angeles City Council – Chairperson Kelley reported that Eric Garcetti's office is looking for a candidate and the selection process is continuing.

Chairperson Kelley introduced Jimmy Gomez to the Commission. Mr. Gomez's appointment is pending. Once he is appointed he will be representing the Third Supervisorial District.

911 WIRELESS UPDATE

Mike Mawn, City of Long Beach Police Department, Communications Coordinator, gave a brief update on the transferring of 911 wireless calls from California Highway Patrol (CHP) to the local system of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). Mr. Mawn stated the following:

- Verizon wireless has deployed its 911 calls to the PSAP. For the period of November 20-24 the volume was projected to be a 133% increase of actual Verizon calls received.
- Future wireless deployments are scheduled as follows: Sprint, January 13, 2009; Nextel, January 20, 2009; Metro PCS, February 17, 2009; and T-Mobile, March 3, 2009.
- Commissioner Patricia Gray thanked Mr. Mawn for his update and requested that he keep the Commission informed as the other wireless companies transfer 911 calls to the PSAP.

GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

Lauren Rank, Department of Regional Planning, gave a brief overview on the Green Building Program Standards. Ms. Rank stated the following:

- On November 18, 2008 the Board of Supervisors adopted the Green Building Program which consists of an umbrella program that includes three initiatives addressing the different aspects of environmental development:
 - 1) ***Green Building*** which deals with citing and the type of building materials used.
 - 2) ***Drought-Tolerant Landscaping*** which deals with the type of materials used and landscaping guidelines that can help conserve water.
 - 3) ***Low Impact Development Ordinance*** which deals with ground infiltration of rain water to prevent pollution and to recharge water sheds.
- The three initiatives work together to create a better, healthier and more sustainable County. The ordinances will apply to all new construction within the unincorporated areas of the County and serves to meet the goals of water and energy efficiency.

New Residential Projects Requirements for 1-4 Units

- Energy Conservation – Design to consume at least 15% less energy than permitted by the 2005 California Energy Efficiency Standards, Title 24, Part 6.
- Resource Conservation – Recycle/reuse at least 50% of non-hazardous construction/demolition debris by weight.

- Water Conservation – Install a smart irrigation controller for all proposals landscaping.
- Tree Planting – Plant at least two 15-gallon trees. At least one must be from the Drought-Tolerant Approved Plant List.
- Low Impact Development (LID) – Construct and maintain at least two LID features, such as: Porous pavement; Downspout routing to approved storage device or landscape area; Disconnect impervious surfaces; Dry well; Add trees that overhang impervious area.

Lastly, Ms. Rank stated that additional third-party requirements and green building standards for building permits can be filed beginning January 1, 2010.

Commissioner Leiga inquired about ways the Commission can assist to implement this program throughout the County. Ms. Rank stated that having uniform standards throughout the County would not be realistic. The standards are defined by the needs of County's unincorporated areas and it is important that cities in the County do the same. Having a dialog between different cities within the County will help to prevent conflicting standards. The Regional Planning Department will continue to have extensive outreach to keep individuals aware of the requirements.

Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director, South Bay Cities Council of Governments (COG), gave a brief overview on the Green Building Program Standards. Ms. Bacharach stated the following:

- South Bay COG contains fifteen cities plus portions of the City of Los Angeles and unincorporated portions of the County of Los Angeles. The South Bay has two major transportation hubs on its borders, the Los Angeles International Airport and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.
- The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy efficiency, water conservation and environmental information, training, materials and outreach.
- The South Bay COG is funded by the following: Public Utility Commission, West Based Municipal Water District, Torrance Water District/Sanitation District.
- The South Bay COG provides workshops and has developed a task force on green issues. The Task Force consists of elected officials, environmental commissioners and city staff.

Chairperson Kelley thanked Ms. Rank and Ms. Bacharach for their informative presentations.

COMMISSION PROJECT STATUS

Taxi Cab Task Force Report:

Task Force Chair Reddock provided a brief update summary on the status of project:

- Identified three initial recommendations for improvements to the transportation for hire system, in particular taxi cabs:
 - Uniform background check for drivers
 - Common decal for cars to address “bandit” cab issue
 - Gas/fuel volatility
- Conducted several direct meetings with representatives from the interested stakeholders groups as a part of obtaining background information and insights regarding the industry.
- The Commission is in the process of retaining two college and/or Masters level students from the University of Southern California to assist with further research for the recommended issues of the task force.
- Continue to learn and educate Commission and task force members on the inner-workings of the Los Angeles taxi cab system; with the support of interns from USC, conduct further research on the three recommended areas of improvement to the transportation for hire system.
- Provide preliminary recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for recommendations for improvements to the transportation for hire system, specially the taxi cab system. Thereafter, the Commission should evaluate the work of the task force and determine the value of continuing the task force and next steps.
- The Transportation for Hire Task Force is scheduled to reconvene in February 2009.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

Chairperson Kelley requested Commissioners Leiga, Wilhelm, and Waite contact the GIS Real Estate Asset Management Project representative and extend an invitation to the February 2009 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Arnold Sachs addressed the Commission on Agenda Item 8, Taxi Cab Task Force Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyler K. Kelley
Patricia Gray
Mark Burman
Barry Waite
Thomas Wilhelm
Angela Reddock
Barbara Calhoun
Gordon Gray
Algird Leiga

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

David Spence
Richard Rosenthal
Rodrigo Guerra, Jr.
Alexander Ponder
Shana E. Epstein

GUEST(S)

Mike Mawn, City of Long Beach Police Department Communications Coordinator
Jacki Bacharach, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Lauren Rank, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Jonathan Fuhrman, Los Angeles County Citizens Economy and Efficiency Commission

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